

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans

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Message: Peace Today & Hope at Judgment

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## **Memory Verse:** Romans 6:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** In Christ we have peace with God today and confident hope on the day of judgment.

## **Read Romans 5:1-11**

1. Because we have been justified by faith, we now have peace with God through Jesus (v 1). If we have peace now through faith in Jesus, what does it mean we were before (see v 10)? If the war is over, why do we sometimes still live like we are hiding from God or fighting against His will?
2. Through Jesus, we don't just receive forgiveness; we are given access to God. We now stand in grace, not fear or uncertainty. And instead of boasting in ourselves, we boast in the hope of God's glory (v 2). The word "access" implies being welcomed into a space we previously could not enter. What does it mean to you that you now have access to God through Jesus? Do you think you take this privilege for granted?
3. We can rejoice even in suffering, knowing that God uses it to produce perseverance, proven character, and a hope that will not put us to shame (vv 3-5). When is a time in your life when suffering led to real character growth? Have you ever experienced significant growth without a corresponding trial?



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How does our attitude toward suffering affect whether we grow through it or become bitter?

4. Suffering becomes the pathway through which God develops perseverance, refines our character, and deepens a hope that is secured by His love poured into our hearts (vv 3-5). How can we help others have this mindset as they go through suffering? In what ways can we move beyond offering quick spiritual answers and instead embody God's love through presence and empathy? What makes showing God's love in this way challenging?
5. Christ's sacrifice shows a love far beyond ordinary human love (vv 6-7). Why are people so drawn to stories of heroes who lay down their lives for others? Where have you seen this play out in popular culture? How can this shared admiration for sacrificial love help us point others toward Jesus?
6. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (v 8). How have you personally experienced sacrificial love from someone else? What is one concrete way we could show costly love to a difficult person in our lives today?
7. Before we sought God or cleaned up our lives, Christ died for us at our worst, proving the depth of God's initiating love (vv 6-8). How does remembering who you were when Christ saved you shape the way you see people who do not yet know Him? When conversations become heated or divisive, what would it do to your temperament to remember that Christ loves them and died for them?
8. Christ died for us when we were weak, sinful, and ungodly. (vv 6-10). How does this truth reassure us that we are loved on both our good days and bad days? How might truly believing we are loved at our worst reshape the way we respond to guilt, shame, or spiritual failure?



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